CHAPTER 155.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CERTAIN CITIES.

S. F. 82.

AN ACT to provide for the consolidation, and change of boundaries of school districts in certain cities of the first class, and other purposes incident thereto. [Additional to chapter fourteen (14) of title thirteen (XIII) of the code.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Consolidation authorized. That in all cities of the first class containing a population of fifty thousand or over, according to any census taken by the authority or under the direction of the state of Iowa or of the United States, all the territory embraced within the corporate limits of any such city may be consolidated into and become one independent school district, known as the independent school district of (naming the city), state of Iowa, in the manner following:

Petition—question submitted—consolidation effected—board of When a written petition, requesting the establishment of a consolidated independent district whose territory shall be co-extensive with that of such city, signed by one hundred voters of such city, is filed with the board of the school corporation, therein having the largest number of voters, it shall be the duty of said board within ten days, to call an election, at which all the voters residing in the proposed district shall be allowed to vote by ballot for or against the proposition, "Shall all the territory within the city of (naming it) be united into one school district?" The board calling said election shall divide the territory within the proposed district into such number of precincts, as the board shall determine, and the judges of election shall make and certify a return of the vote to the secretary of the same board which shall, on the next Monday after the election, canvass the returns made to the secretary, ascertain the result of the election, declare the same and cause a record to be made thereof, and in all other respects, except as inconsistent with the provisions of this act, the election shall be conducted as provided by law for elections in independent school districts in cities of the first class. If a majority of the votes cast at such election is favorable to the proposition, the consolidation and formation of said independent district shall thereby be effected, and the board of directors, treasurer, and other officers of the school corporation then holding office in the district affected by such consolidation having the largest number of voters, shall become the board of directors, treasurer and other officers of such consolidated district, and shall continue to hold their respective offices until the terms for which they were originally elected shall expire. The terms of office of all directors, treasurers and officers of boards in all the other districts affected by this act, lying wholly within such consolidated district and holding office at the time of such consolidation, shall cease and determine, and in case of districts lying partly without such consolidated district, the directors, officers and treasurers shall continue to have authority only over the territory lying within their districts, and without the consolidated district; provided that nothing herein contained shall affect the terms of employment of superintendents, principals, or teachers for the current school year, in which such consolidation may be effected.

SEC. 3. Taxes. All taxes previously certified during that year, shall be void so far as the property within the limits of the consolidated independent district is concerned. And all taxes necessary for the new corporation for that year shall be certified and levied as provided in section twenty-seven hundred ninety-six (2796) of the code. All property belonging to districts affected by such consolidation shall become the property of the consolidated

district, except that in case of districts lying partly without such city, the liabilities and assets of such districts shall be equitably apportioned in accordance with chapter one hundred thirty-six (136), section thirteen (13) acts of the Thirty-first (31) General Assembly, but nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of existing creditors.

SEC. 4. Election expense. The expense of such election shall be borne by the consolidated district, in case such district shall be formed, otherwise by the separate districts in proportion to the assessed valuation therein within

the proposed consolidated district.

SEC. 5. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Register & Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 13, A. D. 1907.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, March 15, 1907.

W. C. HAYWARD, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 156.

COMPENSATION AND BONDS OF STATE LIBRARIAN AND ASSISTANTS.

H. F. 407.

AN ACT repealing section two thousand eight hundred eighty-one (2881) of the code, and section two thousand eight hundred eighty-one-f (2881-f) of the supplement to the code, and section six (6) of chapter one hundred fourteen (114) of the acts of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, relating to employes in the state library, fixing their salaries and providing for their bonds, and enacting a substitute therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Repealed. Section two thousand eight hundred eighty-one (2881) of the code, and section two thousand eight hundred eighty-one-f (2881-f) of the supplement to the code, and section six (6) of chapter one hundred fourteen (114) of the acts of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. State librarian—curator—assistant librarian—salaries. From and after the taking effect of this act the salary of the state librarian shall be the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) per annum; of the curator of the museum and art gallery the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) per annum, and of the assistant to librarian the sum of one thousand

eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum.

SEC. 3. Other assistants—salaries. As assistants (in addition to the curator of the museum and art gallery and the assistant to librarian) the state librarian may employ one first assistant at an annual salary of one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100); one second assistant at an annual salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and one third assistant at an annual salary of nine hundred dollars (\$900).

SEC. 4. Bonds. The state librarian shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and the curator of the museum and art gallery and the assistant to librarian shall each give bond in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), conditioned upon the faithful performance of their respective duties and a full and accurate accounting of all moneys coming into their hands in virtue of their respective offices. Said bonds shall be approved by the board of trustees of the state library and historical department.